



Low-Interest Energy Loans

Your community (local government, public hospitals, schools, etc) can embark on energy-saving projects that will pay for themselves while achieving greater sustainability. Whether it's to upgrade the lighting in City Hall or replace a dated and inefficient heating and cooling system at the elementary school, our programs and tips will put you on the path to saving energy and money today.

MORESA (Renewable Energy)

Learn about ways your community can embark on renewable energy projects. This program provides financial incentives for public infrastructure for the development of renewable fuel production facilities or new generation processing entity facilities to spur job creation and agricultural product markets throughout the state.

Qualified Energy Conservation Bond

Local governments can access tax credit bonds to finance energy conservation initiatives such as implementing green community programs, reducing energy consumption in public buildings, energy-related research facilities and grants, and public education campaigns to promote energy efficiency.



Neighborhood/Education

Neighborhood Assistance Program

Implement community or neighborhood projects in your town that will strengthen economic development. This program can help fund job training initiatives, crime prevention, community service projects, and revitalization of community-based buildings and areas such as parks and sporting complexes.

Start Smart

Develop a new or expand an existing high-quality early childhood and Pre-K educational center in your community. Children's participation in these programs helps contribute to successes far beyond the classroom, strengthening your emerging workforce.

Youth Opportunity Program

Develop or broaden initiatives that foster positive development for youth in your community. Whether it's to encourage youth participation in the community or discourage violent behavior, our program can help promote positive change.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Certified Work Ready Communities: Are you ready to validate your workforce to potential employers? Show companies that your community has a ready pipeline of employees with high-demand, certified skills ready to succeed and become a certified county.

Location One: A searchable economic development database featuring detailed information on sites, buildings, and locations for businesses looking to grow.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP! Our team of Business Specialists and Rural Development Manager can help your community connect with resources to spur business expansion and grow your local economy. Visit ded.mo.gov or call 573-751-4862.

Certified Sites Program: Provides consistent standards regarding the availability and development potential of commercial or industrial development sites through a standard pre-qualification process.

Division of Tourism Marketing Webinars: Free eLearningUniversity online marketing webinars presented by leading experts in tourism marketing to help communities and tourism-related businesses promote their events and activities to tourists.

Missouri Main Street Connection: Seeks to enhance the economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being of downtown business districts through historic preservation.



COMMUNITY PROGRAM GUIDE

From fairs to farms, and pharma to affordability, earning blue ribbons has long been a part of Missouri's heritage. Learn about state resources that can help your community attract business, talent, and visitors to secure a legacy for future generations.



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Arts/Entertainment

Amateur Sporting Contribution Tax Credit

This program helps provide funding to local organizations, such as convention and visitors bureaus, to help attract sporting events to the state. Donors can make contributions to the organizations and receive a tax credit.

Amateur Sporting Tax Credit Program

This program provides local community organizations incentives to help those organizations secure location of amateur sporting events in their communities.

Art Grants

To spur growth in the arts industry, the Missouri Arts Council provides grants and other programming to help communities fund performances as well as educational initiatives in the arts.

Cultural Facility Revenue Bond Program

Financing that helps communities develop cultural facilities such as museums and recreational buildings for charitable organizations. The program can be used to acquire land, purchase equipment, construct a building, fund architectural and engineering needs, and make improvements to existing facilities.

Downtown Preservation

Improve the cultural heartbeat of your community by redeveloping your downtown. Re-polish those blighted Main Streets and Broadways that help define your town and reinvigorate tourism.

Tourism Grants

Have an attraction or event that tourists need to check out? Learn more about ways to market your community to a wider audience, increasing visitors and spending.



Housing

Affordable Housing Assistance Program

Helps communities meet low-income housing needs by providing tax credits to non-profit, community-based organizations for the purpose of providing affordable housing assistance activities or market rate housing in distressed communities.

Federal HOME Program

Helps communities increase supply of affordable housing for low and very low income residents by providing financing to developers (profit and non-profit) to acquire and rehab housing or construct new rental housing.

Home Repair Opportunity (HeRO) Program

Community action agencies, regional planning commissions, municipalities and non-profit organizations can help low and moderate income homeowners in non-metropolitan areas make home repairs, modifications and other maintenance.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

Help communities meet housing needs by providing a federal tax credit to investors for the construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of an affordable housing development.

Rental Production and Preservation Program

Helps communities increase supply of housing for low and moderate income families by providing a tax credit for developers to rehabilitate or construct rental housing.



Business Development

Missouri Innovation Centers

A statewide network of facilities created to provide assistance to individuals and business organizations during the early stages of technology-based business ventures.

Community Development Block Grants

From helping an important local business access short-term cash flow relief, to promoting small business development, to construction or revitalization of infrastructure for a new or existing business, our programs are designed to support business growth in your community.

Missouri Building Entrepreneurial Capacity

The *Missouri Technology Corporation* makes strategic investments in public and private non-profit research institutions (including higher-ed) and non-profit entrepreneurial support organizations to expand and state's innovation ecosystem that help entrepreneurs commercialize new technologies and create next-generation jobs. [Visit missouritechology.com](http://visitmissouritechology.com).

Missouri Certified Sites Program

Showcase a shovel ready commercial or industrial site to your community's existing and potential new businesses. A Certified Site has met specified guidelines and has been approved by a Review Team. This certification can help fast track future development.

Family Development Account Tax Credit Program

Community-based organizations can access financing to administer a Family Development Account project to help low-income residents participate in matched savings programs. These savings programs will help families in your community pay for school, purchase a new house, make home improvements, or [start up a small business](#).

The Missouri Partnership is a public-private economic development partnership that works with the Missouri Department of Economic Development to increase the visibility of Missouri as a globally competitive business location and attract new jobs and investment to the state. Visit missouripartnership.com.



Infrastructure/Redevelopment

Brownfield Redevelopment Program

Helps communities to redevelop commercial or industrial sites that are contaminated with hazardous substances and that have been abandoned or underutilized for at least three years.

Chapter 353 Tax Abatement

Cities with Urban Redevelopment Corporations can access this incentive to help redevelop blighted areas by abating some or all of the property taxes for up to 25 years.

Chapter 100 Sales Tax Exemption, Personal Property

Through this program, communities can help companies expand with intentions to create above-average wage jobs by

providing bond proceeds to purchase tangible personal property.

Community Development Block Grants

From waste water improvement projects, to developing or enhancing public infrastructure, to addressing local health and safety concerns, our programs are designed to support a community's greater capacity for growth.

Public Entity Loan Program

Provides local governments individually structured, tax-exempt revenue bonds to make improvements to public buildings such as police and fire departments, jails, water systems, streets and utilities, or to acquire land, demolish buildings, or redevelop a blighted area.

Tax Credits for Contributions Program

Provides local or state agencies (or local political subdivisions) tax credits to fund public infrastructure facility projects such as highways, water supply and distribution systems, mass transportation equipment/facilities, telecommunications facilities, jails and prisons, sewage facilities, airports, railroads, reservoirs, and more as well as to acquire blighted real estate or demolish structures to make way for future development.